

CHALLENGES
Procedure to challenge the NREMT-Basic exam

This information is for any EMT who wishes to challenge the National Registry (NR) EMT-Basic Examination. The information is divided into three sections:

- Section I: This section is for candidates who hold a **current** South Carolina EMT certification and who wish to challenge the NR EMT-Basic Exam. *(Pages 1 & 2)*
- Section II: This section is for candidates who hold a **current** EMT certification from some other state, other than South Carolina and who wish to challenge the NR EMT-Basic Exam - or - for candidates who have completed EMT-Basic training in a state other than SC or in the military **and** have **NOT** yet tested the NR EMT-Basic examination. *(Pages 3 & 4)*
- Section III: This section is for candidates who have **completed** EMT-Basic training in the military or in a state other than South Carolina **and** have already tested the NR EMT-Basic, at least one time, and have failed and now need to **RE-TEST** either the practical or written NR EMT-Basic examination. *(Page 5)*

I. SC Currently Certified EMT-Basics:

If you can answer **YES** to the following criteria, continue with the instructions below.

- < You must have completed a state-approved refresher course or the equivalent (CEU or IST) **within** the past two (2) years:

*The National Registry gives candidates a **maximum** of two years from the course completion date to complete any testing and/or re-testing.*

- < Your current state certification must not have been **expired** for more than two years by the time you take the National Registry Awritten examination.

*Candidates whose state certification will have been expired more than two (2) years by the date they are to take the National Registry Awritten examination are required to complete another **full** EMT-Basic course prior to taking the National Registry Examination.*

1. Complete the *ANR EMT-Basic Examination Request* application form. *(Page 6)*
 2. Complete the front page plus (on the back side of the form) sections I and II of the *ANational Registry EMT-Basic* application. Don't forget the Acharacter reference block on the bottom of the form. Forms may be downloaded from the NR website (www.nremt.org), or may be obtained through your EMS Regional Office or by calling the National Registry at (614) 888-4484.
- < **Section I** must be completed by your CPR instructor - OR- Attach a copy of your current CPR credential.

- < **Section II** must be completed by the instructor (**or training officer in the case of IST & CEUs**) of your most recent state-approved refresher course or equivalent.
- < **Section III** will be completed by a representative of this office. (In the case of **IST**, your **Medical Control Physician** must complete Section III.

3. Mail these **two (2)** applications to:

SC DHEC EMS Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Once your two applications are received by this office, you will receive **written** notification, by mail, of your eligibility. Your written notification may include one or more of the following responses:

- You have been approved to take the NR EMT-Basic **APractical** examination. (*Your current state practical results is or will be more than one year old by the time you attempt the NREMT-B written exam.*)

The National Registry requires that both, the practical & written examinations be passed within twelve (12) months from each other.

Enclosed is your *ANational Registry Application.* **Bring this application with you to the practical examination.** You may attend any of the following **practical** examination dates / sites by **registering with and paying all required fees to the EMS regional office sponsoring the practical examination.** After you pass the practical examination, you will be permitted to take the written examination on the next available date.

- You have been approved to take the NR EMT-Basic **AWritten** examination. (*Your current state practical results are still valid, i.e. within one year.*) You may attend any of the following **written** examination dates / sites. Enclosed is your *ANational Registry Application.* Be sure to bring your completed NR application, with a \$20.00 money order payable to the *National Registry of EMTs*, to the written examination site.
- Packet Incomplete (*Your Examination Request / NR Application is incomplete. Return this / these form(s) with the highlighted information requested.*)
- Your current **certification** has (or will be by the time you attempt the NR written examination) expired for more than two (2) years. **You are required to complete another FULL EMT-Basic course.**
- You must complete another state-approved refresher course prior to testing. (*Your current training is or will be more than two years old before you can attempt the NREMT-B written exam.*)

If you have any questions, please contact Don Whiteley, Manager for Training and Certification, at (803) 545-4204.

II. OUT-OF-STATE Currently Certified EMT-Basics & NON-CERTIFIED candidates:

- *FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMT-BASIC CANDIDATES WHO HOLD A **ACURRENT**≡ CERTIFICATION AS AN EMT BASIC IN A STATE OTHER THAN SOUTH CAROLINA AND NOW DESIRES TO TEST THE NATIONAL REGISTRY BASIC EXAMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA*
- *FOR NON-CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FROM OUT-OF-STATE OR IN THE MILITARY WHO HAVE COMPLETED A DOT EMT-BASIC COURSE AND DESIRE TO TEST THE NATIONAL REGISTRY BASIC EXAMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.*

If you can answer **YES** to the following criteria , continue with the instructions below.

- < You must have completed a state-approved refresher course or the equivalent **within** the past two (2) years: **Proof of completion required!** NOTE: If you will seek to become certified in SC, your course must have included training in ***Orotracheal Intubation (ET) and IV Maintenance.***

*The National Registry gives candidates a **maximum** of two years from the course completion date to complete any testing and/or re-testing.*

- < Your current **out-of-state** certification must not have been **expired** for more than two years by the time you take the National Registry Awritten≡ examination.

*Candidates whose state certification will have been expired more than two (2) years by the date they are to take the National Registry Awritten≡ examination are required to complete another **full** EMT-Basic course prior to taking the National Registry Examination.*

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- < **Section I** must be completed by your CPR instructor - OR- Attach a copy of your current CPR credential.
- < **Section II** must be completed by the instructor (or training officer) of your most recent out-of-state refresher course or equivalent.
- < **Section III** must be completed by a representative of the state office with whom you have received your current certification -or- by the Medical Control Physician who was responsible for your last EMT training course. **Proof of successful completion of a National Registry Aapproved≡ practical examination required -OR- you will be required to successfully complete our state=s NR practical examination.** NOTE: Our state NR Basic Practical Examination will test all EMTs in ***Orotracheal Intubation (ET).***

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The National Registry requires that both, the practical & written examinations be passed within twelve months from each other.

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- Packet Incomplete (*Your Examination Request / NR Application is incomplete. Return this / these form(s) with the highlighted information requested.*)
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III. **OUT-OF-STATE &/or Non-certified Request to Re-test NR in SC**

- *FOR EMT-BASIC CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETED THEIR EMT TRAINING IN ANOTHER STATE OR IN THE MILITARY AND **HAVE ALREADY TESTED AND FAILED THE NATIONAL REGISTRY EMT-BASIC AWRITTEN** EXAMINATION AT LEAST ONE TIME - AND NOW DESIRES TO **RE-TEST** THE NATIONAL REGISTRY WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.*
- 1. Complete the attached application form. (Page 6)
- 2. Attach copy of your EMT-Basic course completion certification (**Proof of Course Completion is required**)
- 3. Attach copy(ies) of ALL previous NR exam attempts - practical & written (**Required!**)
 - Remember, your practical results are only valid for one year.
 - If you are re-testing the NR-EMT-Basic **Practical** examination - you must enclose documentation of training in Orotracheal intubation (ET) and IV maintenance. The SC NR EMT-Basic Practical examination tests ALL candidates in Intubation and randomly tests candidates in IV maintenance.
- 4. Complete the front page plus (on the back side of the form) sections I and II of the *National Registry EMT-Basic* application. Don't forget the character reference block on the bottom of the form. Forms may be downloaded from the NR website (www.nremt.org), or may be obtained through your EMS Regional Office or by calling the National Registry at (614) 888-4484.
 - < **Section I** must be completed by your CPR instructor - OR- Attach a copy of your current CPR credential.
 - < **Section II** must be completed by the instructor (or training officer) of your most recent out-of-state refresher course or equivalent.
 - < **Section III** must be completed by a representative of the state office with whom you have received your current certification -or- by the Medical Control Physician who was responsible for your last EMT training course. **Proof of successful completion of a National Registry Approved practical examination required -OR- you will be required to successfully complete our state's NR practical examination.** NOTE: Our state NR Basic Practical Examination will test all EMTs in **Orotracheal Intubation (ET)**.
- 5. Mail all required documents and completed application to: SC DHEC EMS Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia SC 29201

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NR EMT-BASIC EXAM REQUEST

This form is for all who wish to take the National Registry EMT-Basic examination at a SC examination site.

Part I: To be completed by the candidate:

Name: _____ S.S.N. _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____ Ph. No. _____

SC EMT-Basic Certification Number: _____ (If Out-Of-State, **Leave Blank!!!**)

Mail (fax NOT accepted) to: **SC DHEC EMS Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201**

Part II: DHEC use **only!** - **DO NOT WRITE BELOW - FOR DHEC USE BELOW - DO NOT WRITE BELOW**

Name: _____

Out-Of-State EMT-Basic Exp. Date: _____

SC EMT-Basic # / Exp. Date: _____

Course Number & Completion Date: _____

Passed NR -or- SC EMT-Basic Practical: _____

(Must be LESS than one year old)

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Authorized SC DHEC Division of EMS Signature: _____ / _____
Date